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## Sexual Assault of Animals

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Here is an interesting story about a man who was arrested for sexually assaulting a dog. A few questions come to mind:

Should this man be prosecuted because sex with dogs is wrong, because sex with the dog was unconsensual (at least as far as we can tell, but the dog isn't going to testify to this end), because assaulting animals is correlated with later assault of humans, or some other reason?

Is someone who sexually assaults a dog a sex offender in the same way a child molester is a sex offender, i.e.-should they have to register as sex offenders?

What if the dog liked it and frequently initiated it? Shouldn't the ACLU come to the rescue of the man for having sex in the privacy of his own home (or here, his own doghouse)? Doesn't the idiotic attempt at reasoning, or more properly, the sweeping, grandiose, unsupported generalizations about "liberty" that was *Lawrence v. Texas* cover precisely this sort of thing?